

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please cancel Claims 2, 3 and 6 and amend Claim 1 as follows.

LISTING OF CLAIMS

1. (currently amended) A vehicle air conditioning apparatus for a vehicle including a passenger compartment, the vehicle air conditioning apparatus comprising:

a plurality of passenger seats;

at least one air conditioning unit for controlling temperature of air blown into the passenger compartment; and

a plurality of discharging openings, through which air is discharged outside of the passenger compartment of the vehicle, wherein an exit of each discharging opening on ~~[[the]]~~ a side of the passenger compartment is disposed near ~~[[the]]~~ a corresponding one of the passenger seats~~[[.]]; wherein~~

the at least one air conditioning unit comprises a front air conditioning unit, which is disposed at a front part of the vehicle and mainly controls temperature of air blown into a front part of the passenger compartment, and a rear air conditioning unit, which is disposed at a rear part of the vehicle and mainly controls temperature of air blown into a rear part of the passenger compartment;

the front air conditioning unit has a diffusion air outlet for discharging air, the diffusion air outlet being disposed at least in a whole upper surface of a front instrument panel;

the rear air conditioning unit has a roof air outlet for discharging air, the roof air outlet being disposed at least at a rear roof; and

each discharging opening is disposed inside a passenger door so as to correspond to a hip position of a passenger sitting on the corresponding seat.

2.-3. (cancelled)

4. (previously presented) A vehicle air conditioning apparatus according to claim 1 further comprising an air blower for discharging air from the discharging openings.

5. (previously presented) A vehicle air conditioning apparatus according to claim 1 further comprising a non-return valve for preventing outside air from drawing into the passenger compartment through the discharging openings.

6. (cancelled)

7. (previously presented) A vehicle air conditioning apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the discharging openings are communicated with the passenger compartment through micro air vent holes formed on a surface of a passenger door.

8. (previously presented) A vehicle air conditioning apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising a plurality of air blowers respectively provided for the discharging openings for discharging air from the discharging openings.